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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

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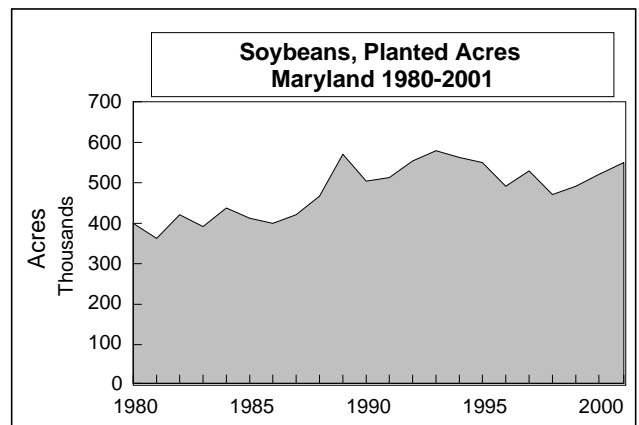
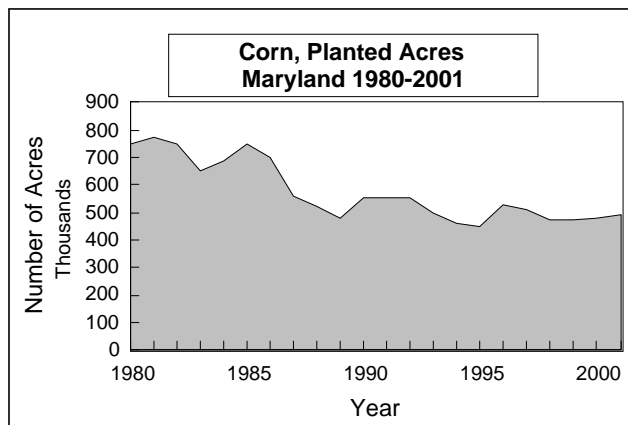
Maryland producers are expected to plant 490,000 acres of corn for the 2001 crop year, up 2 percent from last year's 480,000 acres, and 4 percent from 1999's 470,000 acres. The five year average for corn planted acres comes to almost 485,000 acres. The banner year in the last five years is 1997 with 510,000 acres of corn planted. Soybean planting intentions for 2001 is 550,000 acres, up 6 percent from 2000's final estimate of 520,000 acres, and 12 percent from 1999's final estimate of 490,000 acres. The five year average for soybean planting totals close to 510,000 acres. If realized, this year's plantings will be the largest soybeans acreage since 1995 when 550,000 acres were also planted.

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For small grains, winter wheat planting is estimated at 190,000 acres, unchanged from the December seeding forecast and down 30,000 acres from last year. Barley planted acreage remains at 55,000 acres, no change from last year. For the 2001 crop year, sorghum planting intentions are forecast at 7,000 acres, a 30% decrease from last year's estimate of 10,000 acres.

For Maryland Type 32 tobacco, harvested acres are forecast at 2,600 acres, down 57 percent from the 2000 estimate of 6,000. All hay harvested acres are forecast at 240,000, up 5,000 acres from last year's final estimate of 235,000 acres.



ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2000 AND 2001

| Commodity | Unit | Planted | | Harvested | | Average Yield | | Production | |
|----------------------|------|--------------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------------|------|------------------|------|
| | | 2000 | 2001 | 2000 | 2001 | 2000 | 2001 | 2000 | 2001 |
| Maryland | | <i>1,000 Acres</i> | | | | | | <i>1,000</i> | |
| Corn ¹ | ACR | 480 | 490 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Corn Grain | BU | --- | --- | 405 | --- | 155 | --- | 62,775 | --- |
| Corn Silage | TON | --- | --- | 70 | --- | 20 | --- | 1,400 | --- |
| Soybeans | BU | 520 | 550 | 515 | --- | 43 | --- | 22,145 | --- |
| Sorghum ¹ | BU | 10 | 7 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sorghum Grain | BU | --- | --- | 9 | --- | 84 | --- | 756 | --- |
| Sorghum Silage | TON | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 15 | --- | 15 | --- |
| Winter Wheat | BU | 220 | 190 | 200 | --- | 63 | --- | 12,600 | --- |
| Barley | BU | 55 | 55 | 50 | --- | 82 | --- | 4,100 | --- |
| All Hay | TON | --- | --- | 235 | 240 | 3.03 | --- | 711 | --- |
| Alfalfa Hay | TON | --- | --- | 65 | --- | 4.4 | --- | 286 | --- |
| Other Hay | TON | --- | --- | 170 | --- | 2.5 | --- | 425 | --- |
| Tobacco | LBS | --- | --- | 6.0 | 2.6 | 1,500 | --- | 9,000 | --- |
| Potatoes, Summer | CWT | 4.8 | --- | 4.7 | --- | 260 | --- | 1,222 | --- |
| United States | | | | | | | | <i>1,000,000</i> | |
| Corn ¹ | ACR | 79,545 | 76,693 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Corn Grain | BU | --- | --- | 72,732 | --- | 137.1 | --- | 9,968 | --- |
| Corn Silage | TON | --- | --- | 5,868 | --- | 17 | --- | 99 | --- |
| Soybeans | BU | 74,496 | 76,657 | 72,718 | --- | 38.1 | --- | 2,770 | --- |
| Sorghum ¹ | BU | 9,195 | 9,368 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sorghum Grain | BU | --- | --- | 7,723 | --- | 60.9 | --- | 470 | --- |
| Sorghum Silage | TON | --- | --- | 265 | --- | 10.8 | --- | 3 | --- |
| Wheat, Winter | BU | 43,348 | 41,336 | 35,022 | --- | 44.6 | --- | 1,563 | --- |
| Barley | BU | 5,844 | 5,321 | 5,201 | --- | 61.1 | --- | 318 | --- |
| All Hay | TON | --- | --- | 59,854 | 63,771 | 2.54 | --- | 152 | --- |
| Alfalfa Hay | TON | --- | --- | 23,077 | --- | 3.48 | --- | 80 | --- |
| Other Hay | TON | --- | --- | 36,777 | --- | 1.95 | --- | 72 | --- |
| Tobacco | LBS | --- | --- | 485.7 | 457.7 | 2,264 | --- | 1,100 | --- |
| Potatoes, Summer | CWT | 64.8 | --- | 61.8 | --- | 301 | --- | 19 | --- |

¹ Acres planted is for all purposes.

U.S. GRAIN STOCKS

U.S. Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2000 totaled 6.04 billion bushels, up 8 percent from March 1, 2000. Of the total stocks, 3.60 billion bushels were stored on farms, up 9 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 2.44 billion bushels, were up 6 percent from a year ago. The December 2000-February 2001 quarter indicated disappearance is 2.48 billion bushels, compared with 2.44 billion bushels during the same period a year earlier.

All wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2000 totaled 1.34 billion bushels, down 5 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 390 million bushels, down 8 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 950 million bushels, are down 4 percent from a year ago. The indicated December 2000 - February 2001 quarter disappearance is 466 million bushels, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2000 totaled 1.40 billion bushels, up 1 percent from March 1, 2000. On-farm stocks, at 780 million bushels, were up 7 percent from the same period a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 625 million bushels, were 6 percent lower than March 1, 2000. Indicated disappearance for the December 2000-February 2001 quarter totaled 835 million bushels, up 6 percent from the same quarter in 2000. Durum wheat stocks in all positions on March 1, 2001 totaled 72.9 million bushels, down 10 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks at 44.2 million bushels, are down 15 percent from 2000. Off-farm stocks totaled 28.7 million bushels, down 3 percent from a year ago. The indicated December 2000 - February 2001 quarter disappearance of 31.4 million bushels is up 10 percent from the same period a year earlier.

| Grain Stocks, March 1, 2000 and 2001 Maryland, and United States | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| STATE | March 1, 2000 | | March 1, 2001 | | 2001/2000 |
| | OFF FARMS | TOTAL ALL POSITIONS | OFF FARMS | TOTAL ALL POSITIONS | ALL POSITIONS |
| -----1,000 BUSHELS----- | | | | | |
| CORN | | | | | |
| MD | 10,975 | * | 14,575 | * | --- |
| US | 2,301,895 | 5,601,895 | 2,437,353 | 6,037,353 | 108 |
| ALL WHEAT | | | | | |
| MD | 4,373 | * | 3,996 | * | --- |
| US | 991,841 | 1,416,521 | 949,824 | 1,339,574 | 95 |
| SOYBEANS | | | | | |
| MD | 9,004 | * | * | * | --- |
| US | 665,986 | 1,395,986 | 624,821 | 1,404,821 | 101 |
| BARLEY | | | | | |
| MD | 421 | * | 758 | * | --- |
| US | 110,917 | 170,217 | 103,421 | 162,021 | 95 |
| OATS | | | | | |
| MD | 13 | * | * | * | --- |
| US | 48,500 | 101,800 | 46,319 | 102,119 | 100 |
| SORGHUM | | | | | |
| MD | * | * | * | * | --- |
| US | 173,932 | 225,632 | 125,211 | 165,311 | 73 |

*Not published to avoid disclosure of on farm holdings

MAY REPORT CALENDAR

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 Broiler Hatchery | 3 | 4 Dairy Products Poultry Slaughter |
| 7 Crop Progress | 8 | 9 Broiler Hatchery | 10 Crop Production | 11 |
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